

Preliminary Report of the editors of JEEA 2009 (as of March 31st 2010)

JEEA invites submissions in all area of economics, and promotes high-quality research without any methodological or affiliation bias. We have a very diverse editorial team covering a wide range of expertise including applied econometrics, behavior al economics, economic growth and development, economic theory, experimental economics, financial economics, macroeconomics, organization theory, political economy. We have an even farther-reaching pool of expertise among our associate editors. Several papers published in JEEA have become “classical” contribution with over 500 Google Scholar citations. The impact factor of the journal has increased by 50% in 2008 (for papers published in 2006-07) as compared with 2007 (for papers published in 2005-06). More changes will take place in 2011. The journal will switch to a new publisher and a new format. Each volume will consist of six regular issues. We will discontinue the publication of the proceedings of the EEA Congress. The main lectures will continue to be published in one of the regular issues.

THE EDITORIAL TEAM OF JEEA IS COMMITTED TO A FAST-RESPONSE POLICY.
THE STATISTICS BELOW SHOW THAT JEEA IS AMONG OF THE MOST EFFICIENT
JOURNALS IN ECONOMICS IN TERMS OF DECISION LAGS.

Submissions and decisions on articles in 2009

A total of 399 papers were submitted in 2009 (387 in 2008); 514 decisions were made in 2009. Of these, 448 were final decisions (383 in 2008): 49 acceptances and 399 rejections. A strong increase in the number of submissions was recorded in the second semester of 2009, when 242 new submissions were received. This trend appears to be robust. In the first quarter 2010 we received 130 submissions, which compares with 99 submissions in the first quarter 2009 and 94 submissions in the first quarter 2008. If the current submission rate is sustained, we expect to go above 500 submissions in 2010. This would be the largest ever number of submissions since the start of the journal.

The proportion of accepted papers was 10.9%

Decision lags

The Table below focuses on the new submissions received in 2009, excluding P&P and resubmissions.

Over a total 399 fresh submissions received in 2009, only 6 (i.e., ca. 2%) are still awaiting a decision. Since the oldest pending paper was submitted on November 23, 2009, there is no pending first submission older than 4.5 months in the database.

In addition, there are four papers at higher stages of the resubmissions (all of them submitted in 2008 or earlier) that are still handled by previous editors. The most delayed such resubmissions dates back to July 2009.

There is a significant improvement in the turnaround compared with previous years. The average decision time (excluding the six pending papers) is 75 days (69 days for currently active editors). Even non-rejected papers are processed swiftly (104 days).

TABLE: turnaround submissions 2009		
	# cases	Days to 1st decision
Summarily rejected	62	9
Rejected	280	85
Not rejected	49	104
Pending	6	
Withdrawn	2	
TOTAL	399	75